Financial assistance for vocational education and training

3058. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the Government of Maharashtra to send a detailed proposal for financial assistance on 9th June, 2005 for the scheme of Vocational Education and Training (VET);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted their proposal to the Central Government on 2nd September, 2005; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, the response of Government thereto and by when the financial assistance is likely to be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) All the State/UT Governments including the State Government of Maharashtra were requested to submit proposals for Central assistance under the Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education + 2 level.

(b) and (c) The proposal submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra includes various items of expenditure which do not come under the ambit of the approved Scheme. The State Government has been requested to submit necessary justification and also furnish additional information to consider the proposal and the same is awaited.

Financial assistance to State Education Boards

3059 SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Education Ministers' Conference held on 10th August, 2005 at New Delhi, the issue of providing financial assistance to the State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards which are giving quality education was raised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Maharashtra Government had also taken up the matter with the Central Government subsequently; and

(c) if so, the response of Government thereto and by when Government are likely to issue its policy guidelines in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of Madarsa syllabus

3060. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the revised the Madarsa syllabus scheme so as to bring in general development of the students besides religious teaching within the Madarsa syllabus; and

(b) if so, the decision so taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsas Modernization Programme under which assistance is given to eligible Madarsas for teaching modern subjects like English, Hindi, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics etc. in case these institutions volunteer for the same.

UGC grants to universities and colleges

3061. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion for sanctioning grants to universities and colleges by the U.G..C;

(b) the total number of State universities and colleges in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of universities and colleges in Rajasthan which have received U.G.C. grants during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the number of colleges and universities which are not getting any grant from the University Grants Commission and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the U.G.C. provides financial assistance to eligible universities/colleges which are included under Section 2(f) and declared fit to receive Central assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act. 1956 as per approved pattern of assistance under various schemes.